

History Major Field

THE AMERICAS

Field Description

The Americas are a landmass comprising North America, South America, and the West Indies that covers over sixteen million square miles and is home to over one billion people. The Americas field allows students to explore the histories of these peoples, their cultures, economic and political systems, ideologies, and their relationships with one another and the world. The courses in this field seek to engage and critically examine a number of key issues and themes:

- The social, political, economic, and cultural relationships of and between the peoples and countries of the region and the rest of the world
- The role of race, class, gender, sexuality, and religion in identity formation and their impact on society, culture, and politics
- The impact of voluntary and forced migration to and within the region
- The impact of slavery, colonialism, and imperialism in the evolution of the region
- The rise of nationalism and the implications of borders
- Political ideologies and their role in the creation and functioning of political institutions and systems
- The impact of capitalism, socialism, and communism on national and regional economic, social, cultural, and political structures and institutions
- The role of social and political movements in overturning structures of political, economic, and cultural oppression
- The diverse agricultural practices and systems of the region
- The societal implications of urbanization and industrialization
- Ecological change over time

Students may construct a sub-field within the Americas field by choosing four courses that concentrate on the United States, Latin America, Native Americans or African Americans (It is not necessary to have a sub-field, but it is an option.)

Courses

HIST 101 – United States History 1100-1865
HIST 102 – United States History 1865-Present
HIST 120 – Early Latin America
HIST 121 – Modern Latin America
HIST 175 – Early Black History
HIST 176 – Contemporary Black History
HIST 205 – Hard Times: The Great Depression
HIST 208 – U.S. Women's History
HIST 209 – History of North American Indians
HIST 215 – Reel or Real? History and Film
HIST 218 – History of Mexico
HIST 275 – World War II
HIST 307 – The Great African American Migration
HIST 310 – The Civil War
HIST 311 – Immigrant Experience in the United States
HIST 312 – Blacks in the Age of Jim Crow
HIST 313 – Black Intellectuals
HIST 314 – U.S. Foreign Policy, 1898 to the Present
HIST 315 – Metropolis: The City in American Life and Culture
HIST 318 – History of the North American Wests
HIST 321 – The Mexican Revolution
HIST 322 – Human Rights in Latin America
HIST 323 – Borderland History
HIST 325 – History of North American Capitalism
HIST 360 – Corn, Farming, and the Roots of American Cultures
HIST 373 – Women of the Atlantic World
HIST 374 – The Atlantic World
HIST 380 – Black History through Fiction and Film
HIST 375 – American Indian Activism and Red Power
HIST 400 – The American Revolution
HIST 407 – Manhood & Masculinity in U.S. History
HIST 411 – The Civil Rights Era
HIST 412 – Race, Politics, and Public Policy
HIST 413 – Race, Crime, and Criminal Justice
HIST 426 – Fight for the Great Lakes